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U.S. Navy photo by J0SN Ryan C. McGinley

AM3(AW) Peter Jones, assigned to the "Easy Riders" of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Three Seven (HSL-37), greets his son after returning from a six-month deployment embarked aboard the guided missile frigate USS Crommelin (FFG 37). HSL-37, along with Crommelin and U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) 105, conducted what turned out to be the third largest drug interdiction in history while on deployment.

HSL-37 returns

J0SN Ryan C. McGinley
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The "Easy Riders" of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 37 (HSL 37) returned to Marine Corps Base Hawai'i, Kaneohe from a six-month deployment Nov. 12. The squadron was deployed to U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) area of responsibility (AOR), embarked aboard the guided missile frigate USS Crommelin (FFG 37).

The crew of 25 personnel reported with Crommelin May 20 to the eastern Pacific to engage in monitoring, detection and counter drug activities. They disrupted five narcotics smuggling operations, interdicted more than \$1 billion worth of cocaine and captured 29 suspected narcotics smugglers.

"We had a detachment that had their act together," said Cmdr. Patrick Molenda, commanding officer of HSL-37. "We had a ship that took the mission seriously. We had the systems, equipment and aircraft to put a pretty big hurting on the drug [smugglers]."

HSL-37, in conjunction with U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment (LEDET) 105 and Crommelin, intercepted the vessel San Jose and seized a total of 525 bales of cocaine weighing approximately 10.5 metric tons. The effort was recorded as the third largest at-sea bust in U.S. history.

"Everything came together," said Lt. j.g. Elise Eastman, attached to HSL-37. "Everything timing-wise worked out just like we planned."

Despite record-setting drug interdictions, members of HSL-37 said the highlight of the

deployment was running down go-fast boats. "You're doing high-pace flying," said Aviation Warfare Systems Operator 3rd Class Douglas Hagen. "You're right over them and they are going as fast as they can to get away. It's a really neat experience."

"You're adrenaline's going and you're trying to stay on top of them," added Eastman. "There is nothing like it."

HSL-37 participated in six different go-fast chases and also helped to rescue 93 migrants from a disabled fishing vessel, returning them to their home country of Ecuador.

"Your just taking everything you learned by the book and forming it into the real world situation," said Hagen.

Eastman and Hagen said the most important thing they learned during their deployment was patience.

"Everything is just so overwhelming at first, and then finally you start to get in the swing of things and learn how to apply your knowledge with patience," she said. "It was a good experience. I got to see and do more than I ever imagined I would."

HSL-37 also participated with Crommelin in UNITAS, a series of maritime exercises with ships and submarines from 10 South American countries and PANAMAX 2004, a two-week exercise focused on the maritime defense of the Panama Canal.

"It's tremendous not only to have them back in the squadron and back with their families, but the fact that they just had an incredibly successful deployment," said Molenda. "I'm thrilled to have them back and I absolutely couldn't be [more proud] of what they've done out there, and that's what it's all about."

Tribute honors Harold Estes

Lacy Lynn
Staff Writer

A crowd of about 500 gathered at the Battleship Missouri Memorial Wednesday night to attend the USS Missouri Memorial Association's (MMA) tribute dinner to World War II veteran and retired chief boatswain's mate, Harold Estes.

The evening's tribute recognized Estes for his continued commitment to the Sea Services after his retirement. Estes is well-known for his involvement in and leadership of the local Navy League chapter, and as a key individual in bringing both the USS Bowfin submarine and the battleship Missouri to Pearl Harbor.

Estes' co-founders of the MMA, retired Navy Adm. Ronald Hays and Edwin Carter, chairman emeritus of the MMA, both spoke in recognition of Estes' leadership and achievements in bringing the Missouri to Pearl Harbor.

In early 1994, the battleship Missouri had been recently removed from the Navy's ship registry. That same year, the MMA was officially registered as a non-profit organization and the volunteer board of directors, including Estes, received such enthusiastic support from Hawai'i's military, political, and business communities, they were able to bring the Missouri into Honolulu's waters in 1998.

"Harold is one of the most significant people in the history of the USS Missouri Memorial Association. He is 'the one' who had the dream of bringing the Mighty Mo to Pearl Harbor," said retired Navy Capt. Don Hess, president and chief operating officer of the Missouri. He presented Estes with a cutlass and the flag that flew aboard the Missouri as it made its final journey from Puget Sound to Pearl Harbor.

Wednesday's tribute was also assisted by the Navy League of the United States-Hawai'i chapter and the U.S. Sea Services.



U.S. Navy photo by PH1(AW) William R. Goodwin
Retired BMC Harold Estes and his wife Doris were honored Wednesday at the USS Missouri Memorial Association's tribute dinner. Estes has been a supporter of Navy causes in Hawai'i and is considered "one of the most significant people in the history of the USS Missouri Memorial Association" by association leaders.

According to Bob McDermott current Navy League Hawai'i executive director, Estes' contributions have "made the Navy League truly the organization it is today."

Estes was first asked to join the 75-member Hawai'i chapter of the Navy League in 1964. According to McDermott, Estes implemented efforts to open the organization to Navy personnel of all levels, not restricting it exclusively to the "top brass."

Between 1986 and 1987, in just 14 months as executive director, Estes saw the league grow from 600 members to 2,000. Membership has gradually increased since then, peaking at 6,000 members, and making the Hawai'i chapter numerically the largest in the nation.

The first speaker of the night was retired Quartermaster 3rd Class Alexander "Sandy" Gaston, a Sailor during the Vietnam War and longtime supporter of the Navy League Sea Services, who considers

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Observe access times to Halawa Gate

To support efforts to reduce gate congestion during inbound peak hours, Halawa Gate is open to all properly decaled privately owned vehicles (POV) from 5 to 8 a.m. on normal work days (Monday through Friday).

POWs may exit Halawa Gate 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

Due to significant volume of commercial vehicle inspections required, it is necessary to restrict Halawa Gate's inbound traffic to only commercial and government vehicles 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily and 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

Tripler Army Medical Center set to light its Christmas Tree

Tripler Army Medical Center will conduct its annual holiday lighting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 1 outside the hospital's ocean-side entrance.

The ceremony will include the traditional lighting of the tree and entertainment from the Pacific Fleet Band.

In addition, Santa Claus is expected to make an appearance at the ceremony.

General military training offered for area first class petty officers

The Navy Region Hawai'i First Class Petty Officers Association will host professional military training over the general military requirements for CPO on Dec. 2, 9 & 16.

The training will be held at Navy College, building 679, on the second floor in room 24B. Training is scheduled to run from 3 to 4 p.m.

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MM3 Greg Bookout
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Four former Navy journalists, who served at Pearl Harbor 1951 through 1955, during the early years of media ratings, returned to visit their former base with family and friends Nov. 12.

"The creation of public affairs in the Navy was a result of a battle between an admiral and a general," said Darrell Maddox, one of the former Navy journalists. "Adm. Radford believed the reason that funding for carriers was lost to funding of Army bomber planes was due to a lack of public affairs. Thus, the public affairs ratings were created."

The four journalists making the reunion trip to the island worked at the Makalapa complex and produced a syndicated radio show, highlighting stories of Navy news and heroism of the era.

"We all worked in a radio station where we wrote, directed, recorded and distributed a 15-minute public



U.S. Navy photo by PH1(AW) William R. Goodwin

Former journalists and family members watch the Pentagon Channel during their visit to Naval Station Pearl Harbor Nov. 12. They served at Pacific Fleet headquarters from 1951 to 1955 and produced radio spots that aired during the Korean War.

affairs program to 178 radio stations across the United States," said Maddox. "The program usually included World War II-era stories of Sailors and Marines stories of heroism. At the time, a lot of information about Korea was classified and would have to go through a clearance to be aired."

According to Phil Haff a former Navy journalist, the

show followed the same general format.

"The show, which was called 'Across the Blue Pacific', always started and ended the same," said Huff. "The show would start out with a song with the Royal Hawaiian serenades, followed by a five to eight-minute drama of true Navy story and then would conclude with another song."

Huff also noted many of the

stories featured ships, submarines or even battle groups speaking for themselves.

"We had a dramatic device for the stories where ships could talk and tell their experiences," said Huff. "It would say, for example, I am the USS Helena...and tell a story of a successful mission or deployment. The ship would tell the story in retrospect, featuring musical bridges and fade backs."

Huff also discussed the recurrent idea in most of the stories told of bravery and perseverance was that training was the key to success.

"The recurrent theme in story after story was military training," said Huff. "This was never set as a guideline. No one told us to do it, but we always seemed to do it. At the end of some heroic story, the guys would always say that their training got them through."

The journalists also reflected on the level of professionalism that was exhibited in their work with the little training and experience they

had in radio.

"The remarkable thing was that none of us had any radio experience when we started this," said Maddox. "Looking back at the scripts, we were pretty professional in our work."

Another journalist added they had all been educated in written journalism.

"We were all graduates of a journalism school," said former journalist Ron Johnson. "We knew how to write, but we didn't know radio or television production."

Former journalist Pat McLatchy added that while on the radio, they were not just a source for news, but also entertainment. "While on the radio, we were actors," said McLatchy. "We had guys from all different branches in the service to come in and play different roles. We had a Soldier, and Airmen, Marine and Navy comprising a cast for a mini one act radio play."

Maddox commented that

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Wartime journalists return

Energy team wins award

Navy Public Works Center, Pearl Harbor

Fiscal year '04 energy efforts resulted in widespread recognition for the Navy Hawai'i Energy Team, including the Secretary of the Navy's, SECNAV, Gold Energy Award for NAVSTA and PMRF, a Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP) Energy and Water Management Award for NAVSTA, and a Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) Energy Award for Institutional/Military Energy Project.

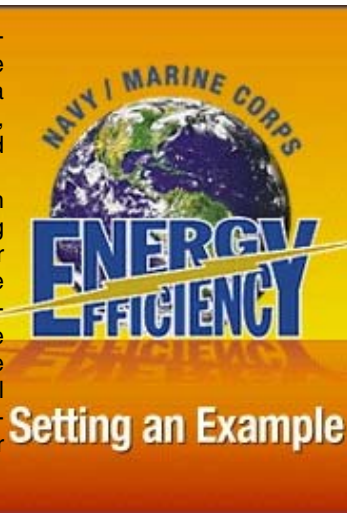
Kevin Saito, Navy Region Hawai'i energy manager, traveled to Washington, D.C. to receive the awards on behalf of the energy team and NAVSTA while Christine Nonaka represented PMRF in the SECNAV energy awards ceremony.

Lt. Cmdr. Dan "Chuck" Lewis also traveled with them to represent the Commander Navy Region Navy, COMNAVREG HI, facilities team. At the SECNAV energy awards ceremony, held at the U.S. Navy Memorial, the team was addressed, along with other energy team winners, by Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (installations and facilities), Wayne Arney, on the importance of energy efficiency to the country and the Navy.

At the FEMP energy awards, held this year at the Crystal City Hilton, Saito and Lewis joined other awardees as they were addressed by David Garman, under secretary of energy (acting) and assistant secretary of energy (energy efficiency and

Electric vehicles consume significantly less energy than gasoline powered vehicles and come in a variety of formats: passenger cars, pick up trucks, panel trucks and passenger buses.

The Hawai'i Navy Energy Team is installing a photovoltaic charging system for their electric passenger car that will essentially eliminate the need for petroleum fuel, receiving all the power it needs from the sun. The team expects to realize greater savings by using this fuel efficient vehicle. Check into electric vehicles. Call 474-7666 for more information.



renewable energy); Kyle McSllarrow, deputy secretary of energy, Arney and David Bibb, deputy administrator, U.S. General Services Administration.

Capt. Rick Roth, commanding officer of PWC-PEARL and COMNAVREG HI regional engineer, accepted the HECO energy award during the HECO Energy Symposium at the Sheraton Waikiki.

The Navy Hawai'i Energy Team is led by Anthony DiLullo, energy program manager; Greg Gebhardt, energy program business director; and Saito, energy manager.

Supporting the energy brain trust are the energy contractors from Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC): John Grobler, lead energy specialist; Dan Saenz, energy field specialist; and Godson Ceus, energy field specialist.

In Fiscal year '04, the Navy Hawa'i Energy Team performed energy audits on over 16 million square feet of facilities, submitted several Energy Conservation Investment Program (ECIP)

projects, and executed dozens of energy self-help projects totaling in the hundreds of thousands of dollars of annual savings.

In addition, the team secured the first photovoltaic array project and stationary fuel cell project for the Navy in Hawai'i, and completed a district cooling study which shows energy saving potential of more than 18 giga-watt hours per year.

The energy saved is equivalent to the power consumed by more than 1,370 homes in a year.

With the congressional resolution of the issues delaying the energy service performance contract vehicle, the energy team looks forward to an even better year in Fiscal year '05.

Coupled with the existing utilities energy service contract, customer-funded energy projects, and energy projects funded by the ECIP program and other innovative contract vehicles, the energy team aims to increase energy efficiency and take it to a still higher level.

Seabees clear brush for community



U.S. Navy photo by JOSN Ryan C. McGinley
BU2 (SCW) Brandon Milauckas, attached to Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) Detachment Pearl Harbor, cuts down a dying tree at Barber's Point Naval Air Station Boy Scout Campground Saturday. Nine members of CBMU volunteered their time to clear the area of dying trees that posed a safety hazard for children who use the area for camping.

CCSG-3 visits USS O’Kane

Ensign Angela Asemota
USS O’Kane Public Affairs

Rear Adm. Bruce Clingan, Commander, Carrier Strike Group Three, visited Pearl Harbor-based USS O’Kane (DDG 77) Nov. 10 to congratulate the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer on its performance during Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX). He briefed the crew on the objectives of the Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group during the upcoming deployment, clarifying a variety of questions ranging from the political atmosphere to possible port visits.

COMPTUEX, an intermediate-level strike group exercise, merges the specialty-trained units of a strike group into a cohesive force capable of executing any assigned tasking. The final battle problem (FBP), a three-day assessment, concludes the 18-day exercise, stressing the strike group in all warfare areas. The FBP is monitored by the training carrier strike group Commander, who submits a recommendation to the fleet commander on the strike group’s readiness for advanced-level training exercises.

According to Lt. David Richardson, O’Kane operations officer, COMPTUEX is an important part of the pre-deployment training cycle for O’Kane as well as a prerequisite for the Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFX) scheduled in 2005. “During the assessment, O’Kane performed submarine persecution, maritime interdiction operations, and duties as alternate air warfare com-



U.S. Navy photo by FC3 (SW) Rich Never
Rear Admiral Bruce Clingan, Commander, Carrier Strike Group Three, pins the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal on EN1(SW) Sylvester Kahapea during an awards ceremony held at the All Hands Call aboard USS O’Kane (DDG 77) Nov. 10.

mander, honing skills utilized during deployment,” said Richardson.

According to Operations Specialist 2nd Class (SW) Lauren Quartararo, operating with the strike group outside the comfort-zone of the Hawai’i operating area presented the crew with extensive training in all areas. “Before we

entered the southern California operating area and met up with the carrier strike group, we saw very few contacts and minimum use of external radio circuits,” explained Quartararo. “During COMPTUEX, all watchstanders learned something new about acquiring contacts, proper radio communication, and protecting the carrier during shotgun duties or anti-submarine warfare.”

Discussing the deployment during an all hands call held on the flight deck, Clingan stressed extending theater security cooperation from active patrols to liberty port visits, which will serve dual purposes as stress relief for the strike group and a chance to exert political influences on an international level. “Port visits provide a unique opportunity for diplomacy,” Clingan explained. “We are able to show the world that the military is not just 10-foot tall war fighters, but people just like them with the same wishes for freedom, peace and prosperity. Though liberty ports give everyone time to wind down, maintaining a high level of security at the pier and in town for our Sailors is a top priority.”

According to Clingan, the armed forces find themselves in a unique situation in dealing with the war on terror, making the image of the military a higher concern than in previous conflicts. “When fighting a borderless enemy, there is a stressed importance in showing the terrorists a unified front with a steady and straight objective,” Clingan explained. “This fight cannot be won by military means alone, but by changing attitudes in the process.”

Estes: Retired chief ‘instrumental’ to Navy community

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Estes and his wife Doris his “surrogate parents.”

Gaston presented Doris Estes with a platinum and white sapphire ship’s anchor pendant and a bouquet of roses for performing “the toughest job in the Navy,” that of being a Navy spouse, for what will be 62 years in December.

“If Harold is considered ‘Mr. Navy League,’ then it is no stretch to call Doris ‘Mrs. Navy League,’” said Gaston “Everything Harold has accomplished in the past 62 years has been done with his wife at his side,” he added.

Gaston related how Estes was instrumental in bringing the USS Bowfin submarine to Hawai’i. At the time of the official transfer from the Navy, Estes was president of the Pacific Fleet Submarine Memorial Association, another non-profit organization he helped form to bring the sub-

marine to Pearl Harbor.

Tim Guard, vice chairman and secretary for the USS Missouri Memorial board of directors and chairman of the Harold B. Estes committee, awarded Estes with a speaking endowment in his name. The endowment was a total of \$6,000 contributed in equal halves by the Navy League and by Guard.

Remarks were also made by Rear Adm. John Jay Donnelly, deputy commander and chief of staff U.S. Pacific Fleet on behalf of Adm. Thomas Fargo, Commander, US Pacific Command, and Adm. Walter F. Doran, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Estes, who will be 90 years old in December, remains active with the Sea Services, volunteering his time at the Battleship Missouri Memorial and regularly hosts Sailors of the USS Russell (DDG 59) on shore leave.

Energy conservation team refits Hale Ali’i

Kevin Saito
Energy Manager

A recently completed energy efficient lighting retrofit at Hale Ali’i transient Quarters, building 1315, Naval Station, Pearl Harbor will reduce energy consumption and costs while producing the same amount of lighting for the occupants.

Funded by Commander Navy Region Hawai’i’s (COMNAVREG HI) energy conservation measure self-help program, more than 200 existing T12 fluorescent fixtures were converted to energy efficient T8 electronic ballasts and lamps.

Under the energy pro-

gram’s self-help program, the labor cost was defrayed by leveraging the program’s energy field specialists time to include installing relatively simple energy-efficiency projects, such as lighting retrofits.

The entire retrofit project took less than one week to complete and is projected to save the Region almost 59 mega-watt hours of energy per year or a little over \$7,000 per year. With material costs under \$5,000, the project will pay back within a single year.

Organizations that want to schedule a lighting audit can contact the COMNAVREG HI energy team at 474-7666.

JO: Sailors recall their past

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the crew would go out in search of actual Navy sounds to complete their broadcast.

“We would record sounds by going aboard submarines and ships for use in our dramatizations,” said Maddox. “We would get all sorts of sounds, horns, alarms and torpedo sound. We used mostly actual sounds, but had to manufacture some, because some wouldn’t sound real accurate in the recordings.”

The group also said they would frequently invite stars of the silver screen to come tour the harbor, meet an admiral and, of course, record a public service message for the Navy.

“The Arizona Memorial was just a flag and a plaque during those days,” said Huff. “Back then, you had to take a boat past the memorial and it wasn’t accessible to the public like it is today. Whenever there

was a Hollywood star in town, we would ask if they wanted to come tour the harbor as a guest on the admiral’s barge. Then we would ask them to do a short kit or message while feverishly writing scripts to include their character,” Huff explained.

Many actors visited the memorial. Some of the Hollywood stars who visited the harbor and stopped by the station to record a skit included film stars such as John Wayne, Humphrey Bogart, Henry Fonda and many more.

Maddox expressed his enjoyment of the reunion trip by saying that it was similar to stepping into the fountain of youth.

“Coming back was great,” said Maddox. “I remember how good we had it back then, how much fun we had. It seems like this trip could add 10 years to my life. I feel like a child again.”

NAVSTA senior chief recognized by the state of Hawai'i

JO2 Devin Wright
Staff Writer

The state of Hawai'i awarded Senior Chief Storekeeper (SW) Diego Calbes of Naval Station Pearl Harbor Quality of Life, with the Hale Aloha Award Tuesday at the state capitol.

The Hale Aloha Award is given to members of the community who have made considerable contributions or help end homelessness in Hawai'i.

Calbes came up with an alternative to the Navy's furniture and appliances reutilization program in September of last year.

"While removing furniture from bachelors quarters last year, it occurred to me that this furniture is still in great condition," Calbes said. "It just made sense to me to put those resources to best use by making it available to those who could use it the most - Hawai'i's homeless.

"We started doing research to see what government agencies could use this furniture rather than storing it or disposing of it," continued Calbes. "Such a simple and natural idea has turned into a win-win situation for both the Navy and Hawai'i's homeless. The homeless have alternatives to sleeping outdoors and the Navy gets to contribute

to the community. We wanted to represent the Navy in it's efforts to partner with the state of Hawai'i in its Shelter for the Homeless Program," said Calbes.

The furniture donated has sparked a sense of self worth in Hawai'i's homeless.

"His (Calbes') efforts have been invaluable," said Sandy Miyoshi, Homeless Shelter program administrator. "Thanks to his foresight, this furniture has given a sense of home and self-esteem. I think it would be easier for the military to just get rid of this furniture, but thanks to Calbes effort, he has seen that people in need get good use of it," said Miyoshi.

During his acceptance speech, Calbes said, "The Navy will continue to support the less fortunate members of our community. I can only hope the initiative will serve as a model to every military installation around the world."

To date, approximately 3,000 pieces of used furniture and 700 soft goods such as linens, bedspreads and drapes have been donated and transferred to the state.

As of Nov. 16, 973 additional pieces of furniture are scheduled to be distributed to six shelters throughout Hawai'i.



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Devin Wright

SKCS Diego Calbes of NAVSTA Pearl Harbor accepts the Hale Aloha Award at the state Capitol Nov. 16. During his acceptance speech, Calbes said the Navy will continue to support the less fortunate members of our community. "I can only hope the initiative will serve as a model to every military installation around the world," he said.

CNATT selects STAR21 test sites

Jena Stephenson
Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Public Affairs

The Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT) selected six training units in October to test its Sea Warrior Training and Recruiting in support of Sea Power 21 (STAR21) program.

CNATT units at Naval Station Norfolk, Va. and Naval Air Stations Oceana, Va.; Whidbey Island, Wash.; Lemoore and North Island, Calif.; and Jacksonville, Fla. were selected because of their location in fleet concentration Areas (FCA) and their high annual throughput.

They will test a program that combines initial training ("A" school) with career training ("C" school) at an FCA

that is also home to the students' ultimate duty stations.

"The concept of STAR21 is to provide Sailors with the right training at the right time, and to deliver it in the right place," said Capt. R. Carl Mock CNATT commanding officer. "This kind of approach to training is essential to meeting our mission of delivering ready Sea Warriors to the fleet."

STAR21 began as a strategic vision to streamline detailing and training for initial and advanced aviation schools, and to integrate a level of competency-based curricula within the integrated learning environment. The process includes identification of the ultimate duty station prior to the beginning of training, permitting Sailors to receive only the applicable modules for their ultimate fleet posi-

tion.

"STAR21 will reduce the total cost and time to train Sailors by reducing the number of permanent change of station (PCS) moves for the Sailor, resulting in a savings for the Navy," said Mock. "Also, Sailors needing additional training for specialized skill sets will receive it through formal follow-on training after their initial individual course."

Ratings participating in the test are aviation machinist's mate (AD), aviation structural mechanic (AM), aviation structural mechanic (equipment) (AME), aviation electronic technician (AT) and aviation electrician (AE).

To learn more about STAR21 and the Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training, log on to Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) at www.nko.navy.mil.

OIF veterans help ensure democracy here and abroad

Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample
USA American Forces Press Service

Servicemembers who helped bring democracy to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom are now helping ensure the democratic process moves forward at home.

For Marine 1st Lt. Timothy Anderlonis, Army Sgt. Cameron Baker, and Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Tajuanna Donaldson, that process began shortly after the Nov. 2 elections and will culminate when President Bush takes the oath of office on the steps of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 20, 2005 to begin his second term.

There on Inauguration Day, somewhere in the crowd of thousands, the three Iraqi war veterans will be making sure the ceremonies for their commander in chief goes smoothly.

"To be part of the greatest change-of-command ceremony in the world is exciting," Baker explained. "I've been to quite a few — seeing four-star and three-star generals — and going to their parades, but none of those can compare to the magnitude of things we're about to see here."

As part of the Joint Task Force Armed Forces Inaugural Committee, the three servicemembers have joined about 240 others who have worked for more than a year behind the scenes, organizing all military aspects supporting the inauguration.

Military involvement in the ceremony dates back to 1789 when Army Gen. George Washington was sworn in as president.

Today, Anderlonis, 26, a military police officer for the security division of Marine Corps headquarters here, will be serving as a liaison officer helping to coordinate security with local law-enforcement agencies.

Baker, 27, who came to Washington from 5th Corps in Heidelberg, Germany, and spent 16 months in Iraq, is a communications server administrator. His job on Inauguration Day will be to ensure that communications are clear for the inaugural committee staff to talk to one another.

Meanwhile, Donaldson, 40, a supply petty officer in

the Naval Reserve, has been helping the committee's supply directorate procure equipment and supplies that will be needed in the trailers housing AFIC staff.

Although these servicemembers are far removed from their war-zone duties in Iraq and Kuwait, their experiences there have given them a greater understanding of why democracy is important.

Baker, who spent 16 months in Iraq setting up communications networks, notes. "To be over there (Iraq) helping build a democracy, then to come here and see what the foundations of democracy can provide — definitely I see what the Iraqi people over there are struggling to achieve, and some are still struggling to understand." By most opinions they feel that this [democracy] is what they want," he added.

Anderlonis was with the first wave of Marines to cross into Iraq, traveling with an MP convoy and following the path paved by the Army's 3rd Infantry Division.

"Anywhere we can give people the opportunity to elect their officials, to live in a free society, I think that's the greatest," he explained. "Where somebody can just be free, and have free speech and freedom of the press, those principles are what make this country so great."

He said when his detachment arrived in Baghdad, they were welcomed openly. "They treated us great, they came up to us willingly. The kids would come up to us and offer us gifts and we would give them candy out of our MREs just to return the favor."

"Even their parents would wave and cheer us on as we passed thorough the cities," he said.

Donaldson, assigned to the Navy Cargo Handling Battalion, Williamsburg, Va., worked 12-hour shifts loading and unloading supplies from cargo ships in Kuwait, said she is proud of her experience.

She noted it made her glad she was a part of "making democracy happen" for the people of Iraq. "That is something the United States can look back and say: 'We made it [democracy] happen, we put forth an effort to make democracy happen in that country.'"



U.S. Navy photo by JO3 Corwin Colbert

Robert Helmes, a Pearl Harbor survivor, places a lei on the USS Growler (SS 215) plaque during a Veterans' Day service held at the Naval Submarine Memorial on Nov. 11.

Submariners honor past and present

JO3 Corwin Colbert
COMSUBPAC Public Affairs

The Hawai'i chapter of the U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II Relief Crew Number One and Bowfin Pearl Harbor Base, U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc. held a Veteran's Day Service at the Naval Submarine Memorial on Naval Station Pearl Harbor Nov. 11.

The service started with tolling of the bells, remembering those lost in World War II.

Following the tolling of the bells, guest speaker Capt. George Manaskie, Chief of Staff, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet was welcomed.

"I am delighted to be with you today because I feel like I am with family," Manaskie began. "We are uniquely connected by our shared memories, our shared service and our shared commit-

ment to our country. To us, this is not a day off from work, a day to hit the sales at the mall, or an excuse to go to the beach. It is a solemn occasion, a day set aside for memories, reflection and prayer," said Manaskie.

Manaskie talked about the importance of our country's veterans and the sacrifices they made. He also gave the audience a history lesson and addressed the threats our country and the world face today.

"The efforts and sacrifices of America's veterans have helped to preserve our nation's freedom, peace and security for more than two centuries," he said. "Terrorist attacks in our own country as well as around the world reminds us that the preservation of peace and security comes only at a great price," Manaskie added.

Chris Kreis, a World War II veteran and Submarine Veterans of World War II Relief Crew Number One state com-

mander, enjoyed the ceremony and talked about how important it was to recognize those that were lost in war.

"It is very important to remember the men who sacrificed their lives for their country, some of whom I knew," said Kreis.

The 50 state flags were posted by the Radford High School Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and the National Sojourners, Inc. posted the colors. The Pacific Fleet Band provided the music and the Naval Station Ceremonial Guard rendered the gun salute.

Other participants taking part in the ceremony were members of the Pacific Fleet Submarine Memorial Association, VFW Post 1572 First Filipino Infantry, U.S. Submarine League Aloha Chapter, Submarine Officers' Wives Club, Branch 46 Fleet Reserve Association, and Branch 46 Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association.

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Farrington students learn Navy food service

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Seventy students from Farrington High School had the chance to visit Naval Station Pearl Harbor Tuesday.

The high school juniors and seniors first visited the Silver Dolphin Bistro to meet the culinary specialists there. The students are all first-year participants in the school's food service program and many are interested in pursuing that career field.

Some students actually got some hands-on experience with the Navy cooks.

"It was exciting having them here," said CS2 Noemi Gonzalez, assistant watch captain at the Bistro. "I was able to teach the students more about cooking and about how we operate in the Navy."

Students who are interested in food service and those who are not looking to make it a career said they enjoyed the chance to visit the Navy galley.

"It was a lot of fun," said Andrea, a Farrington senior. "We got to eat and I learned how to cut vegetables with a big knife without cutting my fingers," she laughed. "This really helps reinforce what we have learned in school."

Linda Uyehara, Farrington high school's food service program advisor, said the experience was valuable for the students.

"These students primarily learn about safety and sanitation practices in addition to basic cooking and measuring techniques," Uyehara explained. "The safety and sanitation practices here are so stringent and so strict. It's good for the students to see

this. There's no cheating anywhere in anything you do."

After the Silver Dolphin visit, the students toured USS Crommelin (FFG 37).

"That was pretty cool," said Rodrigo, another Farrington senior. "I think we all had a good time."

Uyehara and the class were appreciative of the Navy's efforts to teach them more about food service and its applications in military life.

"Some of the students are interested in food service, some just come to eat and some are exploring their career options," Uyehara said. "I think some of the students didn't realize they could have a food service career in the military. I'm glad they ended up here [aboard Crommelin] so they can see how a food service operation really works aboard a ship."



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CS2 Noemi Gonzalez watches as a Farrington High School food service student dices a tomato at the Silver Dolphn Bistro on Naval Station Pearl Harbor during Tuesday's tour.

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Ladies of the Pearl Harbor Canoe Club escort USS Crommelin (FFG 37) back into Pearl Harbor Nov. 12 after the ship's six-month deployment.

‘Na wahine O ke kai’ brings USS Crommelin home again

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The ladies of the Pearl Harbor Canoe Club, or “Na wahine O ke kai” which translates to “The women of the ocean,” provided a traditional Hawaiian outrigger escort for the frigate guided missile USS Crommelin (FFG 37) Nov. 12 as the ship returned to homeport following a six-month deployment.

“It’s always exciting to see ships coming home safely, especially during these times,” said Anne Sullivan, a member of the rowing club and wife of Rear Adm. Paul F. Sullivan, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. “I know the feeling that the families have seeing the boat return and it brings back memories of when I was in their shoes and meeting my husband returning from the sea.”

As the outrigger canoes left for the mouth of the harbor, the members paid homage to the fallen Sailors at the USS Utah Memorial and the USS Arizona Memorial on their return trip by placing a traditional Hawaiian lei in the water as they passed.

Since the club’s inception more than a year ago, it has grown from about eight women to as many as 90 members. The Honolulu Pearl Canoe Club and Morale Welfare and Recreation have supported the Pearl Harbor Canoe Club. Joe Ah Yuen, a veteran coach and paddler, volunteered to coach the club and went without salary for more than a year before the women of the club requested MWR compensate Ah Yuen for his services.

“I have been coaching in this sport for about 30 years,” said Ah Yuen. “I have crossed the Molokai channel for the past 20 years. As long as the ladies show interest in paddling and come out to do it, I am willing to come out and work with them.”

Many of the members of the club also showed appreciation for all the efforts put forth by their team’s veteran coach.

“Our coach is really involved in the com-

munity and was wonderful to come out and support us without any compensation for a long time,” said Suzi Dobias, a member of the club. “We just recently went to MWR and asked that he be paid a salary. Before that, he was very good to come out early in the morning or travel with us on his own time.”

The traditional Hawaiian outrigger escort of Crommelin’s return to homeport following its deployment was a Pearl Harbor Canoe Club first, but is quickly gaining popularity.

“I received an e-mail from Ensign Justin Takasaki, from the Crommelin, asking if I knew how to get a canoe escort into the harbor,” recalled Capt. Alma Grocki, Navy Region Hawai’i’s Naval Academy Blue and Gold liaison and member of the paddling team. “I was acquainted with him before he went to the Naval Academy and he attended high school here on the island. When he asked, I told him I knew exactly where to find a canoe escort. Since then, we were called and asked to escort the Tucson in from deployment,” she added.

The club has also participated in paddling competitions within the islands. The members have taken part in the Queen Lili’uokalani world championships for distance, an 18-mile race in Kona on the Big Island and have crossed the Molokai channel. Club paddlers are planning to compete in upcoming short distance sprint races.

“The team participated in the world distance championships in Kona and did well, given the experience level of the team,” said Ah Yuen. “The team placed around 20th out of about 70 boats involved.”

Grocki also noted the importance of paddling as not only important to understanding Hawai’i’s culture but a sport many people can participate in and enjoy.

“It’s a cultural thing,” said Grocki. “This sport is different than basketball, football and many other sports. You don’t have to be really big or fast to do it. This sport is kind of an equalizer.”

Navy Revolution in Training helps improve performance

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In accordance with the Navy’s Revolution in Training’s focus of aligning military qualifications and civilian certifications, a third of the Navy’s Human Performance Center’s (HPC) employees have now achieved designations as Certified Performance Technologists (CPT).

An important building block in achieving the vision of the HPC is the development of the best-qualified Human Performance professionals.

This has become a driving factor in the HPC endorsing the International Society for Performance Improvement (ISPI)/American Society of Training Development (ASTD) CPT program.

A CPT is a human performance practitioner who has proven an ability to systematically identify opportunities to improve organizational and individual performance.

ISPI and ASTD developed the CPT designation, along with the standards of performance technology, in response to demands in the private and public sectors for specific criteria to distinguish capable practitioners in the human performance technology field.

The mission of the HPC, which was established in 2003, is to address U.S. Navy performance deficiencies by systematically analyzing and diagnosing the entire “performance system.”

Human performance practitioners evaluate specific tasks, the individuals involved, the processes and policies governing the activity, as well as the overarching environment and organization, to identify and remove the barriers to optimum performance.

Consequently, the focus of the HPC is on performance,

not the performer.

According Dr. Roger Chevalier, ISPI director of information and certification, the HPC currently has 33 proficient and qualified CPTs.

“This vast effort and press towards certification has resulted in HPC having the largest concentration of CPTs in the industry,” said Chevalier. “The next largest in the industry is only in the 12 to 15 range.”

In order to attain the certification, applicants must have at least three years of practical work experience in the performance improvement field, and must have demonstrated use of the 10 standards of performance technology.

According to ISPI, these standards are based on the four following principles: Focusing on worthy results (address problems clients care about); considering the larger context (like the client’s constraints and marketplace reality); adding value (the outcomes are worthwhile); and collaboration (work as part of a team and bring in appropriate specialists).

An applicant’s documented work is attested by clients and supervisors and reviewed by ISPI’s panel of experts.

In addition, all applicants must commit to ISPI’s code of ethics, promoting ethical practice in the profession while guiding the performance improvement process through commitment to value, validated practices, collaboration, improving proficiency, integrity and confidentiality.

HPC clients, as well as the individual practitioners, benefit from human performance technology certification. Officials say clients benefit from having use of highly competent professionals who can immediately and positively impact their organizations, while the performance technolo-

gists have the professional satisfaction of being part of an interactive, exclusive group of professionals with a shared interest in continuous improvement and growth in the performance improvement field.

Dr. Burton F. Krain, the HPC detachment manager at Naval Service Training Command, feels that his certification gives him additional exposure and access to a wide range of individuals and organizations that share the common goal of systemic and systematic identification of performance related issues.

“Gaining my CPT certification has meant a greater degree of interaction with professionals in the private and public sector that deal with similar performance problems,” said Krain. “Having access to fellow professionals have resulted in the sharing of ‘best practices,’ tools and techniques to effectively engage in problem identification and intervention. Those partnerships have saved our HP Det. time and improved our efficiency. The result is greater productivity for the Navy.”

HPC human performance technologists are not just claiming to be performance improvement professionals. Instead, they are proving it through their certification and demonstrating it through their work.

“Having the certified performance technologist certification from ISPI gives me an initial credibility with a customer,” said Karen McBee, CPT and HPC standards and methodology department head. “It tells the customer that I not only know the principles of human performance Improvement, but also that I am experienced in applying them. This helps me get my foot in the door. Oftentimes, that’s all I need as an HPT to start the performance improvement ball rolling,” she added.



U.S. Navy photo
Beeman Center is a place where single Sailors from local commands can go to relax. MWR runs Beeman Center.

Navy committed to keeping MWR doors open to Sailors

Navy MWR Communications Group

While Sailors may have seen a slight increase in movie ticket prices at some base theaters or an adjustment in hours at some facilities, the doors to popular Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) programs will remain open.

“Rumors have been circulating that suggest the Navy is backing off on support for MWR programs,” said Chris Mehrer, director, MWR division. “Nothing could be further from the truth. But we do need to apply best business practices to avoid wasting our resources.

“It doesn’t make sense to spend Sailors’ dollars to keep poorly supported programs open when most customers indicate they don’t want them,” he added. “By distributing our resources where it makes sense, we will continue to offer the MWR programs that are essential to our customers. The doors to those core programs are going to stay open.”

Consistent with Chief of Naval Operations’ direction, Navy MWR’s challenge is to achieve efficiencies in all programs, while sustaining core MWR quality of life services for Sailors and their families.

MWR’s core programs have been identified as fitness (gyms, sports, athletics and fitness swimming), afloat recreation, single Sailor, Navy Motion Picture Service program, child development/youth and school age care, and the information, tickets and travel (ITT) program.

MWR is divided into three categories: mission support,

community activities and business activities. Mission support includes Navy Motion Picture Service program, MWR fitness and sports, the single Sailor program and fleet recreation.

Community activities include child development centers and homes and youth programs, while business activities consist of base clubs, golf courses, marinas, entertainment, ITT offices and auto skills centers.

About half of MWR’s budget is funded by appropriated funds, set aside by Congress to support the morale of military service members and their families. The other half is non-appropriated funds generated by charging fees for services and from a portion of Navy Exchange profits. Non-appropriated fund revenues are reinvested back into MWR programs for Sailors and their families.

“Navy MWR professionals want to provide the best service we can through innovation, increased efficiency and maximizing the return on every dollar we spend by providing positive recreational activities that improve Sailors’ quality of life,” emphasized John B. Baker, Commander, Navy Installations Command Community Support Program director. “There is no cookie-cutter solution for the way MWR will do business in the future. All MWR professionals have to recalculate how we deliver products and services to the customer,” said Baker. “We must be responsive to customer needs and keep the focus on the mission, which is fleet support.”

Navy accepts sub memorial

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The Navy formally accepted ownership of a memorial dedicated to Sailors who gave their lives aboard submarines during a Veterans’ Day ceremony at Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, Nov. 11.

The U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II established the World War II National Submarine Memorial - West, May 30, 1977, to honor their comrades on eternal patrol.

In a letter dated May 27, Secretary of the Navy Gordon England accepted the memorial as a gift from the submariners’ group, but the transfer was not formalized until the Veterans’ Day ceremony.

Capt. Robert L. Thomas, commander of Submarine Squadron 11, served as guest speaker at the event.

He told the veterans their legacy of service survives in the submarine force today.

“Today’s submarine Sailors have the same pride in the submarine service as you do,” said Thomas.

L.W. “Vern” Speed, national president of the veterans’ group, said the organization trusts that the Navy will care for the memorial.

“When we’re all gone, the citizens of this country won’t forget these guys who gave their lives so that the rest of those in this country could harvest the fruits of freedom,” he said.



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Brian Brannon

The wife of a World War II U.S. submarine veteran tosses a flower into a reflecting pool at the National Submarine Memorial-West on board Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, Calif. to honor the memory of one of the 52 submarines lost during World War II. On this Veterans Day, the Submarine Veterans of World War II transferred ownership of the memorial to the U.S. Navy.

The memorial is centered around a World War II-era MK 8 steam-driven torpedo, and includes 52 plaques listing each of the submarines lost during World War II.

Nearby, two plaques represent the submarines USS Thresher (SSN 593) and USS Scorpion (SSN 589), both lost during the Cold War. The 54 plaques contain the names of the 374 officers

and 3,131 men who went down with the submarines.

On behalf of Vice Adm. Al Konetzni, who helped secure the transfer of the memorial, Thomas honored all the submariners gathered at the event.

“We dutifully remember our shipmates who are still on patrol,” he said. “But Adm. Konetzni asked that we also remember those who made it through.”

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Navy News Sports

MWR hosts ashore intramural basketball

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Pearl Harbor Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted an intramural basketball game at Naval Station Pearl Harbor's Bloch Arena on Nov. 15.

The MWR program hosts these command-specific team sports to encourage physical fitness, good sportsmanship and to relieve stress Sailors endure on a daily basis.

"Captain Cup's sporting events release pressure and stress from work and builds relationships with colleagues," said Christine Leonida, athletic department secretary.

The MWR program has proven to keep military members active and in good physical condition to meet the needs of today's Navy.

"Command sporting events brings out competitive spirits and keeps us old guys active," said Josh Johnson a forward for team security.

Participants said intramural sports also give the opportunity for military members to feel acceptance at a new command.

"Basketball is a good way to meet new and old people throughout the Navy. It also relieves the day-to-day stresses of Navy life," said Steve Barbosa, a guard for Team Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Players feel command-specific sports build unity and



U.S. Navy photo by PH2 (AW) John F. Looney
Westly B. Jones Team Security coach motivates his team in the last minute of the basketball game.

solidarity within a command.

"Respect is instilled in junior personnel and is carried into the workplace from the basketball court," said Westley B. Jones, coach for Team Security. "This also gives an opportunity for shipmates to make a good imprint on subordinate personnel."

The intramural basketball league runs until February. There will be at least 11 games played this season. There are 12 teams from afloat and shore commands. Afloat plays Friday, Saturday and Sunday and ashore games are played Monday and Wednesday.

Times may vary throughout the season. The league is limited to active duty commands such as Pearl Harbor, Barbers Point, NCTAMS,

West Loch and NSGA Kunia. Any additional active duty players not belonging to a command team will come from a player's pool.

All individuals interested in getting into the players pool can visit the athletic office, building 667 or call the MWR athletic department at 473-2494/37.

All players have to be active duty military in order to play. Although the sign up deadline was Oct. 13, there is always an exception to the rule on a case-by-case basis. Commands earn points toward the Captain's Cup by having participants and winning games. For more information on all intramural sports and athletic special events, interested personnel can log onto www.greatlife-hawaii.com

Ten times stronger than an Ironman



U.S. Navy photo by PH2 (AW) John F. Looney
Manuela Resnik pushes out some breaststrokes during this year's 10x Ironman. Manuela is the wife of the world famous cyclist and triathlete Joseph Resnik who serves as a colonel in the Austrian Army Special Forces. Joseph has been coaching his wife during his recovery from a cycling accident that happened last year while training. The Deca 10x Ironman competition will take place on Nov. 13 - 23 at the Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point, Hawai'i. The 24-mile swim began at 12 o'clock noon at the base pool. The competition has participants performing ten times the distances of events in the iron man triathlon.



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